(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that existing incumbents in the category of packers do not suffer a loss of emoluments as a result of this reduction in rank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, keeping in view the duties discharged by the packers, the post of packers of Administrative/ Subordinate Offices and Foreign Post Offices have been redesignated as Peon and Mail Peon respectively, which does not involve either reduction in rank or loss of emoluments. Irrespective of change in designation, these posts fall under group 'D' category only.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Embezzlement cases occured in post offices of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

†1723. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of embezzlement, fraud and fraudulent withdrawal from the postoffices located in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh that have occurred;

(b) the amount of money lost therein;

(c) the number of officers and employees alongwith their names found involved in these cases; and

(d) the details of the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The number of cases of embezzlement, fraud and fraudulent withdrawal that came to notice in post offices located in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh during the financial year 2003-04 is 68

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(b) The amount involved therein is Rs. 35,53,521/- (Rupees Thirty five lakh fifty three thousand five hundred twenty one only).

(c) and (d) The number of staff noticed for their lapses in these cases is 77. Accordingly, departmental action has been taken. The names are given in the Statement.

Statement-I

Name of staff noticed in the cases of lapses in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of the staff (S/Shri)	Designation	Sl No.	Name of the staff (S/Shri)	Designation
CHHATTISGARH CIRCLE					
1	A.S. Bareth	Sub Postmaster	14	Benand Kujur	GDS BPM
2	Vietar Xess	Sub Postmaster	15	Jhabbulal Jhana	GDS BPM
3	Gopal Ram Soni	Sub Postmaster	16	Geeta Pd Gaiswal	GDS BPM
4	I.R. Mehar	Sub Postmaster	17	Lal Bahadur Patel	GDS BPM
5	M R. Sori	Sub Postmaster	18	Hanuman Singh Dhruw	GDS BPM
6	H.L. Chadhaiya	Sub Postmaster			
7	J.K. Amritkar	Sub Postmaster	19	Suresh Kr. Verma	GDS BPM
8	G.L. Kanwar	Postal Assistant	20	Bishat Sahu	GDS BPM
9	G.P.Gandarwa	Postal Assistant	21	Jeewan Nage	GDS BPM
10	B.P. Mishra	Postal Assistant	22	Arvind Nag	GDS BPM
11	D.R. Thakur	Postal Assistant	23	Kaljug Ram Yadav	GDS BPM
12	Ramesh Kr. Saket	GDS BPM	24	Lomas Ram Sen	GDS BPM
13	Vijay Kr. Gupta	GDS BPM	25	Tulsi Ram Sen	GDS
			26	Anand Singh Khuso	GDS
MADHYA PRADESH CIRCLE					
1	R.R. Rahi	Asstt. Supdt. of Post Offices	9	V.R. Bhele	Sub-Postmaster
			10	S.S. Mina	Sub-Postmaster
2	W. Tirkey	Inspector Posts	11	M.N. Saxena	Sub Postmaster
3	P.V. Guru	Inspector Posts	12	Harish Kewal Ramani	Sub Postmaster
4	I.V. Guru	Inspector Posts	13	S.S. Parhihar	Sub Postmaster
5	V. Tirkey	Inspector Posts	14	L.S. Karpeti	Sub Postmaster
6	Anil Kayasth	Postmaster	15	B.L. Sisodiya	Sub Postmaster
7	K.L. Rohit	Deputy Postmaster	16	A.H. Sheikh	Sub Postmaster
8	G.P. Gupta	Asstt. Postmaster	17	R.K. Singh	Postal Assistant

Sl. No.	Name of the staff (S/Shri)	Designation	Sl. No.	Name of the staff (S/Shri)	Designation
18	U.S Shrivastava	Postal Assistant	35	Motilal Singh	GDS BPM
19	R.D. Rohni	Postal Assistant	36	C.B. Sharma	GDS BPM
20	B.P. Gupta	Postal Assistant	37	Tilakdhari Singh	GDS BPM
21	C R.I. Ahirwar	Postal Assistant	38	Ranglal	GDS BPM
22	Jahar Singh	Postal Assistant	39	C.S. Singh	GDS BPM
23	Babulal Singh	Postal Assistant	40	I.P. Soni	GDS BPM
24	J.N. Dubey	Postal Assistant	41	Vishwanth Singh	GDS BPM
25	Jahar Singh	Postal Assistant	42	Denesh Kumar Awala	GDS BPM
26	B.S. Nimana	Postal Assistant	43	Mahesh Bhargav	GDS BPM
27	M.K. Bramhawanshi	Postal Asistant	44	Fateh Singh	GDS BPM
28	B.B Singh	Mail Overseer	45	Omprakash Bhawar	GDS BPM
29	C.L Autar	Mail Overseer	46	Antrasingh Rajput	GDS BPM
30	B.L.P. Tiwari	Mail Overseer	47	Mahesh Chandra	GDS BPM
31	C.L Autar	Mail Overseer	48	Balwantrao Kante	GDS BPM
32	B.B Singh	Mail Overseer	49	Durga Prasad Udainiva	GDS
33	N.P Mehar	Group 'D'	50	Rashik Kumar Divedi	GDS
34	Balram Singh	GDS BPM	51	Madan Singh	GDS

*GDS BPM—Gramin Dak Sewak Branch Postmaster
*GDS—Gramin Dak Sewak

Telephone connections in villages

†1724. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken it seriously to provide telephone connections in the villages following a declaration to that effect by the private basic telephone provider companies; and

(b) if so, the details of basic telephone provider companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) and (b) The six private basic service operators who were granted licenses in the year 1997-98, were to provide a fix number of

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